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- Response to Office Communication and Amendment, 8 pages;
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# RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Communication mailed January 4, 2005 in the subject application.

#### **REMARKS**

This Response is in reply to the Office Communication mailed on January 4, 2005 where the examiner requests the correction of the identifiers in the parenthetical expression in the Amendment filed on November 4, 2004. Reconsideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.